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Marine

Extension of the limits of the Cochin port.

* 1450 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is proposed to extend the limits of the Cochin port under the control of the Port Conservancy Board, if so, what the extent of the area proposed to be extended is;

(b) whether the consent of the Darbar of the State in which this area is situated has been obtained;

(c) whether Conservancy Board has been empowered to extend the port limits in an Indian State without the consent of the Darbar of the State;

(d) whether any of the representatives of the Cochin State has protested against such extension; and

(e) whether the Conservancy Board has been empowered to extend the port limits in British territory?

A.—(a) There is no such proposal.
(b) & (d) Do not arise.
(c) & (e) No.

Ball-joints for the pipe-line of the dredger "Lord Willingdon".

* 1451 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to refer to my question No. 1026 answered on 1st November 1927 and state—

(a) whether the design of the original ball-joints for the pipe-line of the dredger "Lord Willingdon", was prepared according to the specification of the requirements;

(b) whether the specification of the requirement was properly prepared; and

(c) whether the responsibility for the loss sustained by the extra cost of 1·93 lakhs has been fixed on anybody; if so, on whom; and if not why not?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.
(c) The contractors, Messrs. Simons & Co., Limited, repudiate legal responsibility for the defects in the old joints. They have, however, agreed by way of compromise and settlement to make a contribution of £4,000 towards the cost of the new joints. Government have not yet passed final orders on the question of liability.

Action taken on the adjournment motion regarding the harbour works at Tuticorin.

* 1452 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken on the adjournment motion carried by the House in regard to the harbour works at Tuticorin;

(b) whether the works have been stopped and if so to what extent;